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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
78th Legislature
Tom Craddick, Speaker

<u>Member and Spouse</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Education</u>
(R) Allen, Ray (Debbie)	11/18/1950	Businessman	BA, American Christian College
(D) Alonzo, Roberto (Sylvana)	12/25/1956	Attorney	BA, UT Austin JD, Texas Southern University
(D) Bailey, Kevin (Marilyn)	01/08/1951	Political Consultant and College Teacher	BA, UT El Paso MA, Sam Houston State University
(R) Baxter, Todd (Courtney)	06/22/1968	Attorney	BBA, UT Austin JD, South Texas College of Law
(R) Berman, Leo (Dr. Lou Ann)	10/21/1935	Retired US Army Lt.Col. and Public Affairs Executive	BA, Political Science - SMU Graduate, US Army Command and General College
(R) Bohac, Dwayne	09/04/1966	Small Business Owner	BBA and BS, Texas A&M
(R) Bonnen, Dennis	03/03/1972	Insurance	BA, Political Science - St. Edwards University
(R) Branch, Dan (Stacey)	03/05/1958	Attorney	BA and BS, OCU JD, SMU Law School
(R) Brown, Betty (Ron)	08/20/1939	Rancher	Attended SMU
(R) Brown, Fred (Jane)	02/26/1954	Car Dealer	Attended Texas A&M
(D) Bumam, Lon (Carol Roark)	07/11/1953	Consultant	BA, UT Austin MCRP, UT Arlington
(R) Callegani, William "Bill" (Ann)	09/23/1941	Professional Engineer and Investor	BS, Louisiana State University MS Civil Engineering, University of Houston
(R) Campbell, Scott (DeAnna)	06/29/1954	Businessman	BA, Angelo State University
(D) Canales, Gabi	08/20/1974	Attorney, Farmer, and Rancher	BBA and JD, St. Mary's University
(D) Capelo, Jaime (Sandra)	08/17/1962	Attorney	BA, History - Yale JD, UT Austin
(R) Casteel, Carter (Tom)	12/10/1942	Representative	BA, UT Austin MA, SWTSU JD, St. Mary's
(D) Castro, Joaquin	09/16/1974	Attorney	JD, St. Mary's University BA, Stanford JD, Harvard Law
(D) Chavez, Norma	06/29/1960	Manager-NCN Texaco	UT Austin UT El Paso San Angelo State
(R) Chisum, Warren (Omega)	07/04/1938	Oil & Gas Producer and Rancher	

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(D) Coleman, Gamet (Angelique)	09/08/1961	Business Consulting	BA, Political Science - University of St. Thomas
(R) Cook, Byron (Kay)	04/08/1954	Businessman and Rancher	Associate Degree, Navarro College
(D) Cook, Robert "Robby" (Mary Kay)	02/21/1962	Farmer	Southwest Texas State
(R) Corte Jr., Frank (Valerie)	08/10/1959	Real Estate/ Property Management	BS, Building Construction-Texas A&M
(R) Crabb, Joe (Nancy)	01/08/1939	Minister, Attorney, and Rancher	BA and JD, UT Austin Masters, Theology - University of St. Thomas Doctor of Ministry - TCU DDV, TCU
(R) Craddick, Tom (Nadine)	09/19/1943	Sales Representative - Mustang Mud, Inc.	BBA and MBA, Texas Tech University
(R) Crownover, Myra	04/26/1947	Real Estate/Oil	BA, SMU MA, Texas A&M
(R) Davis, John (Jayne)	07/07/1960	Roofing Contractor	BBA, Baylor University BA, University of Houston Clear Lake
(D) Davis, Yvonne 02/	04/1955	Small Business Owner	BS, University of Houston
(R) Dawson, Glenda (Tommy)	02/07/1941	Speaker Facilitator	BBA, Sam Houston Masters of Occupational Ed, University of Houston
(R) Delisi, Dianne White	08/21/1943	Self Employed	BA, SMU MA, University of Colorado (Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest)
(R) Denny, Mary	07/09/1948	Businesswoman	BS, Education - University of North Texas
(D) Deshotel, Joseph "Joe" (Claudia)	12/03/1951	Attorney and Contractor	BS, Political Science - Lamar University JD, Texas Southern University
(D) District 43,			
(R) Driver, Joe (DeAnne)	09/29/1946	Insurance Agent	BBA, University of North Texas
(D) Dukes, Dawnna	09/03/1963	Business Resource Consultant	BS, Psychology - Texas A&M
(D) Dunnam, Jim (Michelle)	12/12/1963	Attorney	BBA and JD, Baylor University
(D) Dutton, Harold	02/17/1945	Attorney	BBA, Texas Southern University JD, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
(D) Edwards, Al	03/19/1937	Real Estate	BS, Texas Southern University
(D) Eiland, Craig (Melissa)	04/04/1962	Attorney	BBA and JD, Baylor University

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(R) Eissler, Rob (Linda)	12/06/1950	Executive Recruiter	BA, Princeton
(R) Elkins, Gary (Julie)	03/15/1955	Business Consultant	BS, Southwestern Assemblies of God College
(D) Ellis, Dan (Bea)	10/28/1959	Business Owner	
(D) Farabee, David (Terri)	02/05/1964	Insurance Agent	BA, Midwestern State University
(D) Farrar, Jessica	11/16/1966	Architect Intern	BA, University of Houston
(D) Flores, Ismael "Kino" (Debra)	08/07/1958	Businessman/Consultant	UT Pan American El Paso Community College
(R) Flynn, Dan (Susan)	02/21/1943	Rancher and Businessman	
(D) Gallego, Pete (Maria Elena Ramon)	12/02/1961	Attorney	BA, Sul Ross State University JD, UT Austin University of Houston
(D) Garza, Timoteo (Maria Elena)	08/05/1974	Computer Consultant	
(R) Gattis, Dan (Shana)	12/01/1967	Attorney and Rancher	BS, Texas A&M JD, South Texas College of Law BBA, SMU
(R) Geren, Charlie (Toni)	10/22/1949	Restaurant Owner and Real Estate Broker	
(D) Giddings, Helen	04/21	Small Business Owner	UT Arlington
(R) Goodman, Toby (Gloria)	11/02/1948	Attorney	BBA, TCU JD, Baylor University
(R) Goolsby, Tony (Toppy)	11/09/1933	Insurance	BS, University of North Texas
(R) Griggs, Bob (Susan)	05/24/1949	Consultant	BS, Abilene Christian University EdD, University of North Texas BBA, UT Arlington & Baylor University
(R) Grusendorf, Kent	12/17/1939	Investments	
(D) Guillen, Ryan	10/27/1977	Rancher Businessman	BS, Texas A&M
(D) Gutierrez, Roberto (Cecilia)	06/11/1936	Businesss Owner	B.A., Pan American College M.A., Pan American University BA and MA, UT El Paso Seminary
(R) Haggerty, Patrick "Pat" (Yvonne)	03/17/1944	Real Estate Broker	
(R) Hamilton, Mike "Tuffy" (Terry)	09/30/1961	Restaurant Owner	Lamar University
(R) Hamric, Peggy (Burt)	07/25/1940	State Representative	BS, Education - University of Oklahoma
(R) Hardcastle, Richard "Rick" (Nancy)	04/06/1956	Rancher and	Tarleton State University

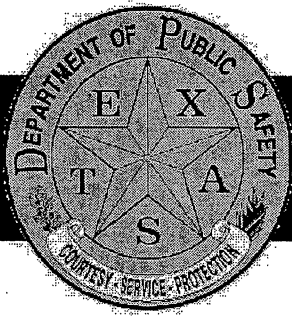
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(R) Harper-Brown, Linda (William "Bill")	03/20/1948	CEO	Texas colleges
(R) Hartnett, Will (Tammy)	06/03/1956	Attorney	BA, Harvard University JD, UT Austin
(R) Heflin, Talmadge (Janice)	01/16/1940	Businessman	Louisiana Tech
(R) Hegar Jr., Glenn (Dara)	11/25/1970	Farmer	BA, Texas A&M MA and JD, St. Mary's University LLM, University of Arkansas
(R) Hilderbran, Harvey (Tracy)	02/09/1960	Businessman	BA, Political Science - Texas Tech University
(R) Hill, Fred (Jeannine)	11/19/1939	President-Fred Hill, Inc.	BS, California Polytechnic University
(D) Hochberg, Scott	10/02/1953	Software Developer	BA and MEE, Rice University
(D) Hodge, Terri	11/05/1940	Retired	
(D) Homer, Mark (Jennifer)	08/28/1962	Sonic Drive-In Restaurant Owner	BS, Texas A&M MBA, Angelo State University
(R) Hope Jr., Ruben (Francine)	05/08/1937	Attorney	BBA and JD, UT Austin
(D) Hopson, Chuck (Billie)	09/18/1941	Pharmacist	BS, University of Houston
(R) Howard, Charlie (Jo)	05/30/1942	Realtor, Investor and Rancher	BSEE, Auburn University MBA, Harvard University
(R) Hughes, Bryan	07/21/1969	Attorney	
(R) Hunter, Bob (Shirley)	06/25/1928	University Administrator	BA and MBA, Abilene Christian Univ.; LLD, Pepperdine
(R) Hupp, Suzanna Gratia (Greg)	09/27/1959	Chiropractor	TX Chiropractic College, DC
(R) Isett, Carl (Cheri)	03/07/1957	Accountant	BA and MS, Accounting & Finance - Texas Tech University
(R) Jones, Delwin (Reta)	04/02/1924	Investments and Farmer	BBA, Texas Tech University
(R) Jones, Elizabeth Ames (Will)	10/29/1956	State Representative	BA, UT Austin
(D) Jones, Jesse (La Belle)	01/16/1931	Baylor University Professor	BS, Texas College MS, Highland University, NM PhD, Chemistry - Arizona State
(R) Keel, Terry	01/13/1958	Attorney	BA, English - UT Austin JD, University of Houston
(R) Keffer, Bill	09/15/1958	Attorney	BA, SMU

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(R) Keffer, Jim (Leslie)	01/20/1953	President-EBAA Iron Sales, Inc.	BA, Texas Tech University
(R) King, Phil (Terry)	02/29/1956	Attorney	BA and MBA, Dallas Baptist JD, Texas Wesleyan University
(R) Kolkhorst, Lois (Jim)	11/04/1964	Business Owner and Investments	BA, TCU
(R) Krusee, Mike (Leigh)	02/26/1959	Education Consultant	Georgetown University
(R) Kuempel, Edmund (Birdie)	11/29/1942	Salesman-Structural Metals, Inc.	BA, Texas Lutheran College
(D) Laney, James "Pete" (Nelda)	03/20/1943	Farmer	BS, Texas Tech University
(R) Laubenberg, Jodie (Bob)	04/20/1957	State Representative	BA, UT Austin
(D) Lewis, Glenn (Arveda)	09/06/1954	Attorney	BA, Texas Wesleyan University JD, UT Austin
(D) Luna, Vilma (Enrico Gonzalez)	12/17/1957	Attorney	BS, Southwest Texas State JD, University of Houston
(D) Mabry Jr., John	05/07/1969	Attorney	BA and JD, Baylor University
(R) Madden, Jerry (Barbara)	02/20/1943	Insurance Account Executive	BS, US Military Academy MIS, UT Dallas
(R) Marchant, Kenny (Donna)	02/23/1951	Investor	BA, Bethany Nazarene College Nazarene Theological Seminary
(D) Martinez Fischer, Trey (Liz)	06/05/1970	Attorney	BA, UT San Antonio MPA, Baruch College of Public Affairs JD, UT Austin
(R) McCall, Brian	10/27/1958	Businessman	BA, Baylor University MLA, SMU Visiting Post Grad at Oxford
(D) McClendon, Ruth Jones (Denver)	10/05/1943	Businesswoman	BA, Texas Southern University MA, Webster University
(D) McReynolds, Jim (Judy)	11/26/1942	Landman	BA, Abilene Christian University MA, Lamar University PhD, Texas Tech University
(D) Menendez, Jose (Cehlia "Nicole" Newman)	03/11/1969	Commercial Marketing Executive	BBA and BA
(R) Mercer, Ken (Rosalia "Rosy")	07/01/1955	Systems Analyst and Project Manager	BA, UT Austin BBA, UT San Antonio MBA, St. Mary's University
(R) Merritt, Tommy (Janet)	02/27/1948	State Representative	BBA, TCU Kilgore College
(R) Miller, Sid (Debra)	09/06/1955	Rancher and Nurseryman	Honor Graduate Tarleton State University
(D) Moreno, Joe	08/12/1964	State Representative	University of St. Thomas Texas Southern University

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(D) Moreno, Paul	04/28/1931	Attorney	BBA, UTEI Paso JD, UT Austin
(R) Morrison, Geanie (Jack)	10/06/1950	State Representative	Victoria College
(R) Mowery, Anna (Wesley)	01/04/1931	State Representative	BA, Baylor University Masters of Teaching - Central State University, Edmond, OK
(D) Naishtat, Elliott	02/15/1945	Attorney	BA, Queens College, City University of New York MSSW and JD, UT Austin
(R) Nixon, Joe (Allyson)	09/15/1956	Attorney	BS, Economics - Texas A&M JD, St. Mary's University
(D) Noriega, Rick (Melissa)	01/08/1958	Businessman	BA, University of Houston MPA, JFK School of Government-Harvard University
(D) Oliveira, Rene	03/14/1955	Attorney	BA and JD, UT Austin
(D) Olivo, Dora (Victor)	03/06/1943	Attorney	BS, Texas A&I MS and JD, University of Houston
(R) Paxton, Ken	12/23/1962	Attorney	BA and MBA, Baylor University JD, University of Virginia
(D) Pena, Aaron (Monica)	06/08/1959	Attorney	BA, UT Austin JD, Texas Southern University
(R) Phillips, Larry (Robin)	04/05/1966	Attorney	BBA, Baylor University JD, University of Houston
(D) Pickett, Joseph "Joe" (Denise)	12/06/1956	State Representative	
(R) Pitts, Jim (Evelyn)	01/01/1947	Attorney	BBA, MBA and JD, SMU
(D) Puente, Robert (Carmen)	04/27/1958	Attorney	BA, St. Mary's University JD, UT Austin
(D) Quintanilla, Chente (Gracie)	12/28/1943	School Administrator	MEd, Sul Ross State University
(D) Raymond, Richard (Michelle)	10/27/1960	Consultant	BA, UT Austin
(R) Reyna, Elvira (J.A. "Angel")	10/28/1950	State Representative	BA, UT Arlington Associates: Eastfield College
(R) Riddle, Debbie (Mike)	10/15/1949	Horse Breeder	AA, Southwestern University
(D) Ritter, Allan (Peggy)	05/06/1954	Business Owner	
(D) Rodriguez, Eddie	07/01/1971	State Representative	BA, UT Austin
(D) Rose, Patrick	10/10/1978	Realtor	BA, Public Policy-Princeton University

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(R) Seaman, Gene (Ellen)	04/11/1930	Real Estate Developer	MS and MM, American College
(R) Smith, Todd (Nancy)	03/23/1963	Attorney	BA, SMU JD, UT Austin
(R) Smith, Wayne (Brenda)	08/17/1943	Civil Engineer	BS, Civil Engineer - UT Arlington
(R) Smithee, John (Becky)	09/07/1951	Attorney	BBA, West Texas State JD, Texas Tech University
(D) Solis, Jim (Diana)	07/07/1963	Attorney	BBA, Marketing - UT Pan American JD, Texas Southern University
(R) Solomons, Burt (Jamie)	10/31/1950	Attorney	BA, Texas Tech University MPA, SMU JD, University of Tulsa
(R) Stick, Jack	02/27/1966	Attorney	BA, University of Nebraska JD, University of Michigan
(R) Swinford, David (Joyce)	06/28/1941	Agribusiness Consultant	BS, Agricultural Education-Texas Tech University
(R) Talton, Robert (Sue)	06/27/1945	Attorney	BBA, University of Houston JD, South Texas College of Law
(R) Taylor, Larry (Kerri)	06/25/1960	Insurance Agency Owner	BBA, Baylor University
(D) Telford, Barry (Marsha)	10/24/1946	Businessman	BS, Education - North Texas State University
(D) Thompson, Senfronia	01/01	Attorney	BS, Biology - Texas Southern University M.Ed., Prairie View A&M JD, Texas Southern University LLM, University of Houston
(R) Truitt, Vicki (Jim)	02/18/1954	Healthcare Consultant	
(D) Turner, Sylvester	09/27/1954	Attorney	BA, University of Houston JD, Harvard Law
(D) Uresti, Carlos (Yolanda)	09/12/1963	Attorney	BA and JD, St. Mary's University
(R) Van Arsdale, Corbin (Jacqueline)	12/17/1969	Attorney	BBA and JD, UT Austin
(D) Villarreal, Michael "Mike" (Jeanne Russell)	08/19/1971	Small Business Owner	BS, Texas A&M MPP, Harvard University
(R) West, G.E. "Buddy" (Shirley)	10/09/1936	Retired Safety Engineer	BBA, UT Permian Basin
(D) Wilson, Ron (Treina)	09/24/1953	Attorney	BA and JD, UT Austin
(D) Wise, Miguel "Mike" (Erin)	02/11/1960	Attorney	BA and JD, St. Mary's University
(R) Wohlgemuth, Arlene (Mikeal)	07/16/1947	Flight Instructor	Texas Tech University

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(D) Wolens, Steven (Laura)	06/04/1950	Attorney	BA, Stanford University JD, SMU
(R) Wong, Martha	01/20/1939	Business Consultant	BS, UT Austin MEd and EdD, University of Houston
(R) Woolley, Beverly (Lynn)	07/25/1939	Small Business Owner	BA, Political Science - University of Houston
(R) Zedler, William "Bill" (Ellen)	08/19/1943	Retired	BBA and MBA, Sam Houston State University



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This is why DPS destroyed the records: We are prohibited under the Code of Federal Regulations (28 CFR part 23) from keeping intelligence information that is not related to criminal conduct or activity. We can maintain intelligence information only if there is a reasonable suspicion that the individual is involved in criminal activity and the information is relevant to that criminal activity. Any kind of intelligence information that we can maintain or disseminate must not be used in violation of the privacy and constitutional rights of individuals. This was not a criminal matter, so we could not legally maintain that information. Any violation of these regulations is subject to a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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May 21, 2003

Thomas A. Davis, Jr, Director
Texas Department of Public Safety
Attn: Open Records
P.O. Box 4087
Austin, TX 78773-0170

HAND DELIVERED

Dear Col. Davis:

This is a follow-up to the request for public information under the Texas Public Information Act (Chapter 552, Texas Government Code) made by Rep. Davis, Rep. Garza, and I on May 19. This morning I became aware from media reports and confirmation by your office that there was destruction of documents relating to my inquiry occurred last week. Unfortunately I have now become aware through a reliable source that document destruction continued last night (Tuesday, May 20).

With this letter I am supplementing my request. Please provide me with the name of any Department of Public Safety employees involved directly or indirectly in the destruction of document since May 12th.

Additionally, I hereby request copies of any and all documents relating to:

- (1) all written policies of DPS relating to document retention;
- (2) all written policies of DPS relating to document destruction;
- (3) any and all documents, electronic data, etc. relating to document destruction which between May 13, 2003 and the date of this letter;
- (4) all documents relating to or reflecting communications by and between DPS (or any civilian or non-civilian employee of DPS) and the Office of Homeland Security;
- (5) all documents reflecting any and all contact with any companies and/or individuals who have, at any time in the past, been employed by or consulted by DPS relating to computer security, computer reconfiguration, computer hard disc "clean up"; computer hard disc replacement, or any facet of network or individual computer hardware/software modification, restoration, backup systems, etc.

It is the intent of the undersigned to request any and all information that would relate, directly or indirectly, to the alleged destruction of documents by DPS or any employee, consultant or agent thereof from May 13, 2003 to present, and to obtain copies of all documentation that would reflect that document destruction since May 13, 2003, is not in accordance with normal operating procedures of DPS, regardless of how the above requests are phrased.

I understand there may be a charge for this information and will pay the amount required by law.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lon Burnam".

Rep. Lon Burnam

cc: Rep. Kevin Bailey
Chairman, House General Investigating Committee

Christian, Burton

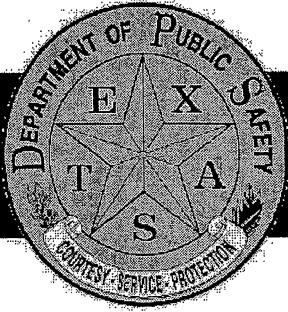
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To: Christian, Burton
Subject: Draft TLETS Message for Colonel Davis

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ALL TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

THE FOLLOWING FIFTY-TWO LEGISLATORS ARE REPORTED TO BE ABSENT FROM THE 78TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION. UNDER THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION AND THE RULES OF THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE ARREST. YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED IN LOCATING THESE ABSENT LEGISLATORS. IF A LEGISLATOR IS LOCATED, NOTIFY THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. DPS WILL TRANSPORT THE LEGISLATOR BACK TO AUSTIN AND DELIVER THEM TO THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE. IF YOUR AGENCY HAS OR DEVELOPS ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF ANY ABSENT LEGISLATOR, PLEASE REPORT THAT INFORMATION TO YOUR LOCAL DPS OFFICE OR CALL OUR TIP LINE AT 1-800-525-5555.

AUTH: COLONEL THOMAS A. DAVIS, JR., DIRECTOR DPS AUSTIN HQ LDM 12—CDT



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May 12, 2003

DPS seeks help from public in locating missing legislators

The Texas Department of Public Safety is asking the public for assistance in locating 53 Texas legislators who have disappeared. Anyone who has information regarding the current whereabouts of the legislators listed below is asked to call 1-800-525-5555.

Under the Texas Constitution, the majority of members present in session in the House can vote to compel the presence of enough members to make a quorum. Members of the House did so this morning and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House and the DPS to locate the absent members and bring them back to Austin.

DPS troopers and investigators are searching for the absent legislators.

Here are the names of the Texas legislators reported to be absent:

Roberto Alonzo, Dallas

Kevin Bailey, Houston

Lon Burnam, Fort Worth

Gabi Canales, Alice

Jaime Capelo Jr., Corpus Christi

Joaquin Castro, San Antonio

Garnet Coleman, Houston

Robert L. "Robby" Cook III, Eagle Lake

Yvonne Davis, Duncanville

Joseph "Joe" Deshotel, Houston

Dawanna M. Dukes, Austin

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Jim Dunnam, Waco
Harold V. Dutton Jr., Houston
Craig Eiland, Galveston
Dan Ellis, Livingston
Juan Escobar, Kingsville
Jessica Farrar, Houston
David Farabee, Wichita Falls
Pete P. Gallego, Alpine
Timoteo "Timo" Garza, Eagle Pass
Ryan A. Guillen, Rio Grande City
Scott Hochberg, Houston
Terri Hodge, Dallas
Mark S. Homer, Paris
Charles L. "Chuck" Hopson, Jacksonville
Jesse W. Jones, Dallas
James E. "Pete" Laney, Hale Center
Ruth Jones McClendon, San Antonio
Jim McReynolds, Lufkin
John Mabry, Waco
Trey Martinez Fischer, San Antonio
Jose Menendez, San Antonio
Joe E. Moreno, Houston
Paul C. Moreno, El Paso
Elliot Naishtat, Austin
Richard J. "Rick" Noriega, Houston
Rene O. Oliveira, Brownsville
Dora F. Olivo, Rosenberg
Aaron Pena, Edinburg
Joseph C. "Joe" Pickett, El Paso

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Robert R. Puente, San Antonio

Inocente "Chente" Quintanilla, Tornillo

Richard E. Raymond, Laredo

Allan B. Ritter, Nederland

Eddie Rodriguez, Austin

Patrick M. Rose, Dripping Springs

Jim Solis, Harlingen

Barry B. Telford, Dekalb

Senfronia Thompson, Houston

Carlos I. Uresti, San Antonio

Michael U. "Mike" Villarreal, San Antonio

Miguel D. "Mike" Wise, Weslaco

Steven D. "Steve" Wolens, Dallas

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/ STATEWIDE TELETYPE with DL identification

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Gov. office on extradition

Couple of Special Crimes & Analysts to Capitol

- Splitting list with Rangers

- ~~Capitol Police~~ H.P. to get by district office
with questions

Wright, Dorothy (Director's Office)

From: Cooper, Kevin (Hutchison) [Kevin_Cooper@hutchison.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2003 11:00 AM
To: Wright Dorothy (E-mail)
Subject: Sic'em Colonel

The Texas House ground to a halt Monday as 53 Democratic members, scheming to block a planned vote on a congressional redistricting map drawn by Republicans, failed to show up.

House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, formally announced there is no quorum.

The move prevented the 150-member House from getting the 100 members needed to transact business.

"I don't think this is obstructionist behavior," said Tamara Bell, chief of staff for Rep. Jim Dunnam of Waco, chairman of the House Democratic caucus. "It is a group of members who believe in a principle and believe in a process. And this is their way of letting the public understand they are standing up for their beliefs.

Craddick said the Democratic walkout is purposeless. Any bills that die as a result would be resurrected in a special session, he said.

"We are all elected to come down here and represent our districts and pass the legislation that is needed to operate and run the state," Craddick said in his office an hour before the House was to convene. "Everyone has got to come down here and face the problems the state has."

The House voted this morning to put an official "call" on its membership, a move that allows law enforcement officials to search for the missing members.

Included among the missing Democrats are Reps. Dawwna Dukes, D-Austin; Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin; Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin; and Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs.

Each of the 53 Democrats submitted letters asking House officials to lock their voting machines, a move that prevents the usual practice in which colleagues sign in for late or absent members.

"I will not be in attendance beginning with the floor session beginning on May 12, 2003," the letters said, not giving any hint as to when they might return.

The legislative session ends June 2, but Thursday is a key date, the final day the House can consider House measures that have not yet had a preliminary vote.

The redistricting bill is such a measure.

Craddick said the Democrats, who have complained about the process, have no legitimate beef against the redistricting bill that would give the GOP a majority in the Texas congressional delegation for the first time.

"What the majority votes and wants to do is what we pass," Craddick said. "It's been that way since I've been here."

The Republicans, with 88 votes in the House, have more than enough to approve the redistricting bill.

"The majority want to take a vote on redistricting, and that's what the process is all about," Craddick said

Here is the list of the 51 Democrats who are absent and submitted letters requesting their voting machines be locked:

**LIST OF ABSENTEES WHO SUBMITTED LETTERS REQUESTING
THAT THEIR VOTING MACHINES BE LOCKED:**

Roberto Alonzo
Kevin Bailey
Lon Burnam
Gabi Canales
Jaime Capelo, Jr.
Joaquin Castro
Garnet Coleman
Robert L. ARobby@ Cook, III
Yvonne Davis
Joseph AJoe@ Deshotel
Dawnna Dukes
Jim Dunnam
Harold V. Dutton, Jr.
Craig Eiland
Dan Ellis
Juan Escobar
Jessica Farrar
Pete P. Gallego
Timoteo ATimo@ Garza
Ryan A. Guillen
Scott Hochberg
Terri Hodge
Mark S. Homer
Charles L. AChuck@ Hopson
Jesse W. Jones
James E. APete@ Laney
John Mabry

Trey Martinez Fischer
Ruth Jones McClendon
Jim McReynolds
Jose Menendez
Joe E. Moreno
Paul C. Moreno
Elliott Naishtat
Richard J. ARick@ Noriega
Rene O. Oliveira
Dora F. Olivo
Aaron Pena
Joseph C. AJoe@ Pickett
Robert R. Puente
Inocente AChente@ Quintanilla
Richard E. Raymond
Allan B. Ritter
Eddie Rodriguez
Patrick M. Rose
Jim Solis
Barry B. Telford
Senfronia Thompson
Carlos I. Uresti
Michael U. AMike@ Villarreal
Miguel D. AMike@ Wise
Steven D. ASteve@ Wolens

Received a call
from Randy @
4:15 PM stated
Farrabee was supposed
to be on the list.



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Rod Welsh
Sergeant-at Arms

May 12, 2003

Colonel Tommy Davis
Director, Texas Department of Public Safety
PO Box 4087
Austin, Texas 78733-0001

Dear Colonel Davis:

The House of Representatives was scheduled to convene at 10:00 a.m. this morning, May 12, 2003. At that time, a quorum of the members was not present. The Constitution of the State of Texas requires that two-thirds of each House constitutes a quorum to do business, but a smaller number of members may compel the attendance of absent members in such a manner and under such penalties as each House may provide. TEX. CONST. art. III, § 10.

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Texas, the Rules of the Texas House of Representatives, and the laws of this state, I ask that you secure, by any available means and including extradition if an absentee or absentees are outside the State of Texas, the attendance of those absent members and return them to the House so that a quorum may be obtained for the purpose of conducting business in this 78th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RWELSH".

Burton, Julie (Director's Office)

From: Elliston, Randy
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2003 12:54 PM
To: Davis, Thomas (Director); McEathron, David; Caskey, Marshall; Havrda, Charlie; Christian, Burton; Beckworth, Lamar; Courter, Mary Ann; Brown, Judy
Subject: FW: Letter

An official list of members will be sent shortly. RE

-----Original Message-----

From: RODERICK WELSH [mailto:RODERICK.WELSH@house.state.tx.us]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2003 12:45 PM
To: randy.elliston@txdps.state.tx.us
Subject: Letter



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ROD WELSH

Sincerely,

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Humbly invoking the blessings of Almighty God, the people of the State of Texas, do ordain and establish this Constitution.



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RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 78TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION AND PRECEDENCE

Pursuant to and under the authority of Section 11, Article III, Texas Constitution, and notwithstanding any provision of statute, the House of Representatives adopts the following rules to govern its operations and procedures. The provisions of these rules shall be deemed the only requirements binding on the House of Representatives under Section 11, Article III, Texas Constitution, notwithstanding any other requirements expressed in statute.

RULE 1

Duties and Rights of the Speaker

CHAPTER A. DUTIES AS PRESIDING OFFICER

Section 1. Enforcement Of The Rules — The speaker shall enforce, apply, and interpret the rules of the house in all deliberations of the house and shall enforce the legislative rules prescribed by the statutes and the Constitution of Texas.

Section 2. Call To Order — The speaker shall take the chair on each calendar day precisely at the hour to which the house adjourned or recessed at its last sitting and shall immediately call the members to order.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

See Rule 6, Sec. 1, concerning the daily order of business.

Section 3. Laying Business Before The House — The speaker shall lay before the house its business in the order indicated by the rules and shall receive propositions made by members and put them to the house.

Section 4. Referral Of Proposed Legislation To Committee — All proposed legislation shall be referred by the speaker to an appropriate standing or select committee with jurisdiction, subject to correction by a majority vote of the house. A bill or resolution may not be referred simultaneously to more than one committee.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

It has been the practice for speakers to correct the reference when a bill has been referred in error to an improper committee. Such correction is done very shortly after the original reference, however, usually long before any committee action is possible.

RULE 5

Floor Procedure

CHAPTER A. QUORUM AND ATTENDANCE

Section 1. Quorum — Two-thirds of the house shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Section 2. Roll Calls — On every roll call or registration, the names of the members shall be called or listed, as the case may be, alphabetically by surname, except when two or more have the same surname, in which case the initials of the members shall be added.

Section 3. Leave Of Absence — (a) No member shall be absent from the sessions of the house without leave, and no member shall be excused on his or her own motion.

(b) A leave of absence may be granted by a majority vote of the house and may be revoked at any time by a similar vote.

(c) Any member granted a leave of absence due to a meeting of a committee or conference committee that has authority to meet while the house is in session shall be so designated on each roll call or registration for which that member is excused.

Section 4. Failure To Answer Roll Call — Any member who is present and fails or refuses to record on a roll call after being requested to do so by the speaker shall be recorded as present by the speaker and shall be counted for the purpose of making a quorum.

Section 5. Point Of Order Of "No Quorum" — (a) The point of order of "No Quorum" shall not be accepted by the chair if the last roll call showed the presence of a quorum, provided the last roll call was taken within two hours of the time the point of order is raised.

(b) If the last roll call was taken more than two hours before the point of order is raised, it shall be in order for the member who raised the point of order to request a roll call. Such a request must be seconded by 25 members. If the request for a roll call is properly seconded, the chair shall order a roll call.

(c) Once a point of order has been made that a quorum is not present, it may not be withdrawn after the absence of a quorum has been ascertained and announced.

Section 6. Motions In Order When Quorum Not Present — If a registration or record vote reveals that a quorum is not present, only a motion to adjourn or a motion for a call of the house and the motions incidental thereto shall be in order.

RULE 5 Sec. 7

Section 7. Motion For Call Of The House — It shall be in order to move a call of the house at any time to secure and maintain a quorum for one of the following purposes:

- (1) for the consideration of a specific bill, resolution, motion, or other measure;
- (2) for the consideration of any designated class of bills; or
- (3) for a definite period of time.

Motions for, and incidental to, a call of the house are not debatable.

HOUSE PRECEDENTS

1. *BILL CONSIDERED UNDER CALL OF THE HOUSE MADE A SPECIAL ORDER.* — *In the 51st Legislature, the speaker, Mr. Manford, held that when a bill was being considered under a call of the house, pursuant to (1) above, a motion to set the bill as a special order for another time was in order.*

2. *ILLUSTRATION OF A "CLASS OF BILLS".* — *The house was considering H.B. 231. Mr. Pool moved a call of the house until House Bills 231, 232, 233, and 288 were disposed of. Mr. Hale raised a point of order that such was not a valid motion in that it encompassed four separate bills which did not constitute a "class" under this section.*

The speaker, Mr. Carr, in overruling the point of order, called attention to the fact that all four bills dealt with the same general subject matter, i.e., segregation in the public schools, that their provisions were complementary, and that, in his opinion, they constituted a "class of bills" as contemplated in this section. (55th Reg.)

Section 8. Securing A Quorum — When a call of the house is moved for one of the above purposes and seconded by 15 members (of whom the speaker may be one) and ordered by a majority vote, the main entrance to the hall and all other doors leading out of the hall shall be locked and no member permitted to leave the house without the written permission of the speaker. The names of members present shall be recorded. All absentees for whom no sufficient excuse is made may, by order of a majority of those present, be sent for and arrested, wherever they may be found, by the sergeant-at-arms or an officer appointed by the sergeant-at-arms for that purpose, and their attendance shall be secured and retained. The house shall determine on what conditions they shall be discharged. Members who voluntarily appear shall, unless the house otherwise directs, be immediately admitted to the hall of the house and shall report their names to the clerk to be entered in the journal as present.

RULE 5 Sec. 9

Until a quorum appears, should the roll call fail to show one present, no business shall be transacted, except to compel the attendance of absent members or to adjourn. It shall not be in order to recess under a call of the house.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The procedure outlined in this section is mandatory after a call of the house is "moved," a motion to recess not being acceptable between the "seconding" and the "ordering" vote on the call. However, due to its high priority, a motion to adjourn could come between, or even ahead of the "seconding" procedure.

HOUSE PRECEDENTS

1. **NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A CALL OF THE HOUSE.** — *In the 51st Legislature, the speaker, Mr. Manford, held that there is no substitute for a call of the house, i.e., a different time or purpose cannot be substituted.*

2. **CALL OF THE HOUSE IN EFFECT PENDING VERIFICATION.** — *In the 51st Legislature, the speaker, Mr. Manford, as the result of a 65 to 64 vote for a call of the house, ordered the doors of the house closed immediately despite a request for a verification which he accepted and allowed. The verification sustained the announced vote.*

CONGRESSIONAL PRECEDENTS

CALL OF THE HOUSE. — *A member who appears and answers is not subject to arrest (4 H.P. 3019). During a call less than a quorum may revoke leaves of absence (4 H.P. 3003), and excuse a member from attendance (5 H.P. 3000, 3001). During a call incidental motions may be agreed to by less than a quorum (4 H.P. 2994, 3029). Motions incidental to a call of the house are not debatable (6 C.P. 688). The point of no quorum may not be withdrawn after the absence of a quorum has been ascertained and announced (6 C.P. 657), and in the absence of a quorum no business may be transacted, even by unanimous consent (6 C.P. 660). When the Committee of the Whole finds itself without a quorum the motion to rise is privileged (6 C.P. 671).*

Section 9. Following Achievement Of A Quorum — When a quorum is shown to be present, the house may proceed with the matters on which the call was ordered, or may enforce the call and await the attendance of as many of the absentees as it desires. When the house proceeds to the business on which the call was ordered, it may, by a majority vote, direct the sergeant-at-arms to cease bringing in absent members.

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Article 3 - LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

Section 10 - QUORUM; ADJOURNMENTS FROM DAY TO DAY; COMPELLING ATTENDANCE

Two-thirds of each House shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as each House may provide.



The Texas Constitution

-Nancy Fisher-

Article 3 - LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

Section 11 - RULES OF PROCEDURE; EXPULSION OF MEMBER

Each House may determine the rules of its own proceedings, punish members for disorderly conduct, and, with the consent of two-thirds, expel a member, but not a second time for the same offense.

